

reliable source says, Senator Peter Hoagland and his law firm have the Omaha World Herald as a client. Now that's the bind you're in. That's the shield law. So do you have any choice? No. Should you have? In some cases, yes, and in some cases, no. A few days ago I was called by a member of the electronic media who told me that this bill was coming up and wanted to know how I was going to vote on it and I said, I'll tell you truthfully, I'm going to listen to the debate on both sides. I said, what angers me is when I call the news media and give them facts of graft and corruption and check back with them and say, did you check my story out and they say, yes, and I say, what are you doing about it? They say, we're investigating, but they never print it because it involves too many of the people that the World Herald are friends with or that electronic media might be friends with, or the powerful in Omaha. And he said, well you see, Senator, there's the whole point of the shield law. With the shield law we could go ahead and tell that story on television and never have to reveal that it came from Senator Higgins. And I said, but I wouldn't care if you told that I gave you the information. What angers me is, when you are given information, factual information and you come back to me and say, your facts were right, Senator, and we're going to keep investigating it. And there is one story I've told one of the electronic media that is over a year old about the hospitals. They haven't printed it yet or they haven't given it out yet and I wouldn't care if they said Marge Higgins sold you. I'm sorry there wasn't more discussion about the shield law. I don't think this motion will ever fly because as you can see the only people that have discussed it were Senator Chambers, myself, Senator DeCamp and Senator Hoagland speaking on behalf of...well I would say on the opposing side. I hope I have made a point and I would urge you to vote to reconsider LB 231 although I don't think there is much chance that many senators here would dare take that chance. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The motion is to reconsider the failure of the previous DeCamp motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to reconsider the last vote on the DeCamp motion on the...concerning the raising of LB 231 to the floor. Please record your vote. The Chair will allow 20 seconds for the recording of your vote. Ten seconds. Five seconds. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.